



State Senator
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Committees: Appropriations (Subcommittees: Commerce, Labor and Economic Development (Chair); General Government (Chair); Department of Community Health; Judiciary and Corrections); Finance (Vice Chair); Michigan Capitol Committee

Biography: Republican, of Howell; born November 27, 1958, at St. Johns; graduate, Laingsburg Christian School, Laingsburg, Michigan, 1977, and Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio; married, Karla; children, Kristy and Brian; officer, U.S. Army, served nine years, honorably discharged in 1990; recalled to active duty in 1991 for Operation Desert Storm, and served during the Persian Gulf War as company commander of an infantry training company, Fort Benning, Georgia; has 24 years of military service and is now a colonel in the Michigan Army National Guard; former legislative assistant to State Senator Harmon Cropsey, administrative assistant to State Senator Doug Carl, and chief of staff for State Senator Mike Rogers; former teacher at Laingsburg Christian School, and territory manager for the National Federation of Independent Business; recipient, Outstanding Young American award, 1987; elected to the House of Representatives, 1998, 2000; elected to the State Senate, March 20, 2001, in special election, reelected 2002; first Hispanic ever elected to the Senate.

